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CENTRAL MARINE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the project status of the proposal to construct buildings of Vizhinjam Research Centre of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) in Kerala;

(b) whether the title and possession of the land offered by the State Government to CMFRI has since been transferred;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has made a provision in the XI plan EFC proposal to construct Laboratory-Cum-office building for the Vizhinjam Research Centre, which is under process.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The Government of Kerala offered 1.7 acres of land to CMFRI for establishment of Centre for Development and Transfer of Mariculture Technology (CDTMT) at its Vijhinjam Centre.The construction of permanent buildings at the site was not possible because the title of the land was vested with the State Department of Fisheries.However, in March, 2003,the Government of Kerala offered to lease out the land in favour of CMFRI/ICAR for 25 years at a concessional rate of 1% of the market value of the land.Meanwhile, while formulating the X Five year plan proposal of the Institute,the Expenditure Finance Committee decided to merge the Centre with the Mandapam Regional Centre of CMFRI.Subsequently,the decision of EFC was kept in abeyance until further orders.In the XI Five year Plan EFC proposal,a provision to construct Laboratory-Cum-office building for the Vizhinjam Research Centre has been made.